

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No. : 10/710,727 Confirmation No. 4726
Applicant : Masuhiro Natsukawa, et al.
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Examiner : Satish Chandra
Docket No. : 39.047
Customer No. : 29453

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY to Requirement for Restriction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142

Sir:

In response to the Office action of August 31, 2006 Applicant hereby elects Species 1. Claims 1-8, all of the claims as filed, are believed to read on the elected species. (This response is without traverse.)

The Office notes that claim 1 is generic to Species 1. On behalf of Applicants, it is respectfully pointed out that claim 1, the lone independent claim in this application, is also generic to Species 2 and 3.

Favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

September 30, 2006

/James Judge/

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